

Fair, much colder tonight, with a cold wave. Tomorrow fair and cold.

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## OKLAHOMA'S STAR IN THE ASCENDANT

Report That President Roosevelt Favours Admission of This Territory Alone is Generally Believed.

Senator Beveridge Expected to Embody This Sentiment in His Report on Statehood Bill Wednesday.

The story sent out of Washington to the effect that the President has revised his opinion on the Statehood question and believes that Oklahoma is the only Territory fitted for higher rank in the Union was quietly discussed at the Capitol today.

While most of the Senators were reticent on the subject, there was a general tendency to credit the story of the President's new attitude, and it is said that the report of Senator Beveridge, for the majority of the Committee on Territories, to be submitted when the bill is taken up on Wednesday, will practically embody President Roosevelt's objections to the omnibus measure.

### Ignorance of English.

The committee report will deal with the testimony regarding the soil, mines, agricultural possibilities, educational facilities, and general fitness of the various Territories for Statehood. Opposition to the claims of Arizona and New Mexico will probably be based on the fact that a large percentage of the people of these Territories do not speak English and that in many of the courts interpreters are necessary. This is taken to indicate that the population is backward in learning English.

It is likely to be contended also that the agricultural resources of Arizona have been so fully developed that a large increase in people who till the soil cannot be expected, especially since the available land is arid and can be reamed only by costly irrigation enterprises. The Arizona mining regions, now at the high tide of prosperity, may not remain so and there is believed to be no stability in a mining population.

### Will Analyze Reports.

The committee majority, it is said, will also analyze previous reports on Statehood and criticize them on the ground that they fail to represent the actual conditions.

It is claimed by the opponents of Statehood at the Capitol that the alleged views of President Roosevelt will affect several Senators claimed by Mr. Quay as friends of the omnibus measure and materially reduce his supporters on the Republican side. A caucus of Republicans may be held within a few days to consider the Statehood bill, especially if the supporters of the plan to create three new States show unexpected strength when the measure comes up on Wednesday as unfinished business.

### ADVOCATES LOWER TARIFF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Gen. Luke Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means today and made an argument in favor of a reduction in the Philippine tariff schedule. The present rate is 75 per cent of the Dingley schedule.

General Wright favored a reduction to 25 per cent of the present schedule, and said that the best interests of the islands would be subserved by such a reduction.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The interior of the country is covered by a wave of abnormally high pressure, accompanied by low temperatures, the zero line extending to the Iowa-Missouri line. The minimum reading reported was 35 degrees below zero in the Canadian Northwest. The temperatures range from 3 degrees to 33 degrees below the seasonal average, and at no place east of the Rocky mountains are they above, except at Jupiter, Fla.

The moderate depression noted Saturday morning over upper Michigan developed Sunday and Sunday night into quite a severe snow storm, the snow extending as far South as the District of Columbia. There were, however, no high winds, except northwesterly winds over the lower lakes during Sunday night. The high pressure and low temperature conditions will control the weather situation for the next few days in the East and South, and it will therefore be generally clear, except in the lower lake region, with lower temperatures.

There will be a cold wave tonight in the upper Ohio Valley, the lower lake region, and the greater portion of the Middle Atlantic States, with temperatures ranging from 5 degrees to 15 degrees above zero. It will also be colder in the South Atlantic States with freezing temperatures, except on the immediate coast.

On the middle Atlantic coast winds will be fresh to brisk northwesterly; on the South Atlantic coast fresh northerly; on the east Gulf coast fresh north to northeast, and on the lower lakes high northwesterly, diminishing by Tuesday morning.

Cold wave warnings are displayed in the interior of western New York, in eastern Pennsylvania, interior New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh to brisk westerly winds and fair, cold weather to the Grand Banks.

### THE SUN.

Sun sets today.....4:29 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow.....7:07 a. m.

### TIDE TABLE.

High tide today.....1:21 p. m.  
Low tide today.....8:03 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow.....1:43 a. m.  
Low tide tomorrow.....8:20 a. m.

## CONGRESS MAY ACT IN HARRIMAN-HILL FIGHT

Northern Pacific Will Oppose New Transport Bids.

As a result of the army transportation contract recently awarded the Boston Steamship Company by the Secretary of War, President E. H. Harriman, of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and his business associates from San Francisco, are planning to fight James J. Hill, president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and his associates, interested in the Boston Steamship Company.

To prevent any interference, President Hill visited Washington last week and held conferences with members of Congress from Northwestern States, who are interested in the success of the Northern Pacific Railroad as a business proposition to their section of the country. Nothing definite was settled at the conferences held by Mr. Hill, but action is anticipated within a few days.

President Harriman and his friends, of San Francisco, will come here and endeavor to have the contract set aside and new bids received. President Hill's friends will strenuously oppose this.

They allege that the Secretary of War advertised for bids, and because the Southern Pacific Railroad failed to file their bid is not sufficient cause to have another set called.

President Winslow, of the Boston Company, will arrive tonight and take a hand in the contest. Vice President Levi P. Morton is already here, and has held conferences with Quartermaster General Ludington. Congressman Hull states Congress may take a hand in the fight, and he favors transferring soldiers in transports owned and operated by the Government.

## COLD WAVE DUE TO STRIKE HERE TONIGHT

The Weather Bureau announces that there will be a cold wave tonight in the upper Ohio Valley, the lower lake region, and the greater portion of the Atlantic States, with temperatures ranging from 5 to 15 degrees above zero.

## L. T. MICHENER EXPLAINS THE PRESIDENCY LETTERS

Sought to Learn Feeling of Various Sections of Country Regarding Aspirants for High Office in 1904.

Indiana Found to Lean Toward Senator Fairbanks. Method Adopted Purely Personal.

L. T. Michener talked freely today in explanation of his letters to personal friends making inquiry concerning certain possible aspirants for the Presidency in 1904. Since he has been a resident of Washington, he said, he has frequently written to a number of personal friends in Indiana to learn the political situation, and his letter of November 7 last was one of this nature. The letter is as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 7, 1902.  
"Hon. \_\_\_\_\_ Blank, \_\_\_\_\_ Ind.  
"My Dear Mr. Blank: It is believed here that Senator Hanna will try to get the Presidential nomination in 1904, and that he expects the support of Indiana. Some of the President's friends are a little uneasy about it. Do you think that Hanna could take Indiana away from Roosevelt—or Fairbanks? Kindly let me have your views by next mail, if at all convenient. With kindest regards, yours truly,  
"L. T. MICHENER."

## DEUTSCHLAND DELAYED BY GALES AND HEAVY SEAS

Six Days, Five Hours, and Forty-one Minutes Late.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American line, arrived at Sandy Hook this morning, having taken six days, five hours and forty-one minutes to cross the Atlantic. She encountered stormy west and southwest gales and heavy seas, which were responsible for her slow voyage.

Among her passengers were G. K. Cowen, the Rev. Dr. James Dickie, L. B. Nutting, J. G. Pangborn, Paul K. Richter, Prince and Princess Albert Radzewski, Baron Ernst Schilling, H. A. Salmon, A. H. Vogel, J. Creighton Ward and Charles T. Yerkes.

### KING CARLOS ON WAY HOME.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—King Carlos, of Portugal, who has been visiting King Edward for a fortnight past, left London for home today.

## OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

New Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Massachusetts, was today inducted into office as an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States with the formality and ceremonial which make this function, in its spectacular features, next to that of the inauguration of a President and Vice President.

The event was marked by an unusual attendance of members of the bar, many of these present being drawn to Washington at this time to participate in the dinner to be given tomorrow night in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Associate Justice Harlan's appointment to the bench.

Among those present were Solicitor General Richards, ex-Attorney General Wayne MacVeagh, ex-Solicitor General Holmes Conrad, John F. Dillon, John S. Rummels, of Chicago, general counsel for the Pullman Company; Senators Depeew, Lodge, Bacon and Burton, and members of the family of the new associate justice.

Mr. Holmes accompanied the other members of the court in their march from the robing room to the bench, bringing up the rear, which will be his position so long as he is the junior member. He stopped, however, and temporarily took a seat adjoining that of the clerk of the court, J. H. McKenney. The members of the court being seated, Chief Justice Fuller said:

"It gives me pleasure to announce to the gentlemen of the bar that Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Massachusetts, has been appointed to a seat on this bench. Mr. Holmes is present, and prepared to take the oath of office. The clerk will read his commission."

Mr. McKenney thereupon read the document and was followed by the new justice, reading the oath incumbent upon members of the Supreme Court. As he read, the justices and the audience stood and remained standing until Mr. Holmes had been escorted by Marshal J. M. Wright to his seat on the extreme left of the Chief Justice.

He was welcomed by Justice Peckham, with a handshake, and with a formal bow by his other colleagues. The ceremony, every one resumed his seat, and the business of the court proceeded.

Mr. Brown, of the New York lunacy commission, proposed an amendment to the bill, by which the burden of proof, in cases of insanity, shall be shifted to the patient unless it can be shown that the cause of such mental malady arose on this side.

Regarding the deportation of persons found insane, and having no legal right to care in this country, Mr. Williams said that New York would pay the cost of transportation in every instance where the diseased persons are sent home from that State. He estimated the cost of caring for insane in that State at \$5,000,000 annually.

Questions relating to insanity cases and diseased persons were especially inquired into by the members of the committee today. The committee adjourned at noon, until tomorrow morning.

### Favor Senator Fairbanks.

"These answers show that, with the exception of Oliver P. Morton, no Republican has ever had such a hold on the respect and affection of the Republicans of Indiana as that now possessed by Mr. Fairbanks. The State is his and he can do as he likes with it.

"If he should be a candidate in 1904 he will have the loyal, earnest, and aggressive support of the Republicans of Indiana. These letters state, also, that if Mr. Fairbanks should not be a candidate in 1904, and if Mr. Hanna and the President should be opposing candidates for the nomination, there would be a very sharp struggle for the Indiana delegation, with the result in doubt.

"Both Mr. Hanna and the President have the confidence of the Republicans of that State, and either would be an acceptable candidate, so these letters assert.

## M'COMAS INTERESTED IN MARYLAND STATUES

Will Aid the Commission in Making Presentation.

Senator McComas has been in conference with Douglas H. Thomas of the Maryland Commission, relative to the presentation of the statues of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and John Hanson, to the United States Government. The statues have been placed in position in Statuary Hall, in the Capitol.

Senator McComas assured Mr. Thomas that he not only wishes, but feels it is his duty, to give the governor and the commission all the assistance he can. Through Mr. Thomas the Senator invited the governor and the commission to meet him at the Capitol to take luncheon and discuss the arrangements for the presentation.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Arrived: Antilla, from Nassau; Deutschland, from Hamburg; Caracas, from Curacao; Casael, from Bremen.

## IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS DISCUSS PROPOSED BILL

Senate Committee Hears Arguments for Measure.

### FRANK P. SARGENT'S VIEWS

Advocates Increased Tax on Account of Increased Cost of Production—Views of Others.

The Senate Committee on Immigration held a public hearing this morning on the bill which was made unfinished business for today. Among those appearing before the committee were Commissioner General F. P. Sargent; A. Goodwin Brown, of the lunacy commission of New York; William Williams, United States Commissioner at the port of New York in charge of Ellis Island; Robert Watchorn, inspector, in charge of all Canadian border work, and other government agents.

Mr. Williams was the first to be heard. He suggested innumerable changes in the phraseology of the bill so that it may be more readily understood and enforced. At Ellis Island he has been brought into contact with many of the imperfections of the present law, and confined himself almost exclusively to a discussion of this phase of the proposed legislation. While he was speaking Senator Lodge requested information on the need of increasing the tax on undesirable aliens from \$1.50 to \$3, as is proposed in the measure pending in the Senate.

Commissioner General Sargent answered on this point, saying that the Bureau of Immigration is finding it necessary to strengthen the ports of entrance along the Canadian border, and increase the forces with a view to seeking out the new points at which aliens find easy admission to the States. The increase of this tax, he believes, would supply the necessary revenue to carry on the work which is every day becoming more imperative.

### Cost of Enforcing Laws.

Mr. Sargent quoted from his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30 to show the cost of administering the immigration laws last year. The demands for the current fiscal year, he estimated at \$1,895,000, almost double what it has ever been before.

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## COAL RECEIPTS HEAVY AND IN GREAT DEMAND

Carts Run in Defiance of the Sunday Law.

Receipts of coal in the city in the past few days have been such as to tax the ability of the larger dealers to deliver it.

All day yesterday, the Sunday law was disregarded and coal carts were kept going supplying those persons in need of fuel. The smaller dealers are still practically helpless in their efforts to serve those who are dependent on them for coal. Their source of supply is through Albright & Baker distributing agents, whose yards are on Hancock Street northeast. Shortly after noon yesterday the teams began lining up in front of this place in the effort to be the first served. When the yard was opened this morning the line of vehicles extended down the street for several blocks.

Secretary Charles F. Weller, of the Associated Charities, and J. L. Lounsbury, agent of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, have formulated a plan which they believe will afford relief to the poor of the city.

They both agreed that the coal could be best handled through the regular dealers, and Mr. Lounsbury agreed to supply certain dealers with from three to twenty tons of coal a week, subject to the orders of the relief committee. The only question as to this policy is as to the ability of the dealers to handle the orders. If they are not able to do so other means will be adopted.

The fuel committee of the citizens' relief committee met in the rooms of the Associated Charities Saturday evening and arranged to carry Mr. Weller's plan into execution. In compliance with a resolution adopted at that time, letters are being sent today to the dealers who formerly supplied the committee, informing them of the willingness of Mr. Lounsbury to co-operate with them, and asking if they will handle the small orders of the committee without discrimination.

## GIST SCATTERS GOLD PIECES BROADCAST

Nebraskan Troubled by Superfluous Inheritance.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 8.—Benjamin W. Gist, of Falls City, Neb., was happy until an uncle died and left him \$40,000. He was wealthy before he received the legacy, so when a dozen nephews and pieces said he ought to divide the \$40,000 among them he agreed.

Family conferences were held, but no plan for division found unanimous endorsement. Relatives called on young Gist at all hours of the day and night. His life was made a burden. He grew melancholy. Last week he took the \$40,000 and deposited it in a bank. The next day he drove to the bank, drew a check for \$5,000, and asked the cashier to give it to him in gold.

"I shall draw out my entire deposit during the next few days," he said, "and I want all of it in gold."

With the sacks of money in the carriage beside him, Gist went into the district where the poor live and distributed \$20 gold pieces among them. When he met school children or old men and women in the streets he gave them gold pieces. Gist gave away \$5,000 the first afternoon, and followed it up the next day by giving away a larger sum.

Sometimes when Gist found a crowd assembled on the street he sowed the gold pieces broadcast. His one desire was to get rid of the \$40,000. He succeeded in giving it all away. He paid \$100 for a box of cigars and \$5 for every drink that was taken at his expense. When he had his shoes shined he paid the bootblack a \$20 gold piece. He is now back on the farm, sane and happy.

## HOUSE HONORS THE MEMORY OF T. B. REED

Adopts Resolutions Presented by Representative Sherman Eulogizing Former Speaker, and Adjourns.

Shortly after the reading of the journal in the House this morning Representative Sherman of New York offered resolutions in regard to the death of ex-Speaker Reed, upon the adoption of which the House adjourned.

"Resolved, That in honor of the distinguished dead the House do now adjourn."

In his prayer Chaplain Couden referred feelingly to the late statesman.

"Our Father, in Heaven, infinite source of life and light and love, sensible of our dependence upon Thee, and conscious of our daily needs, we humbly and reverently bow in Thy presence that by the uplift of the moment our minds may be illumined, and our hearts quickened that we may be prepared for the duties and the obligations of the hour."

"Mindful of the great souls whom from time to time Thou hast raised up as leaders among men, and who have breathed their spirits into the institutions of our country, we bless Thee and pray that we may strive to emulate their virtues."

"Profoundly moved by the sudden and unexpected death of one who for years was a conspicuous and dominant spirit upon the floor of this House, and who presided with dignity and force over its deliberations, we pray that his influence for good may be potent to coming generations."

"And now, O Heavenly Father, comfort a mourning people, and the bereaved family with the bright promises of the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

## FUNERAL OF THOMAS B. REED TOMORROW

Services to Be Conducted at Portland, Me.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 8.—The body of Thomas B. Reed is expected to arrive here today in charge of Representatives Littlefield and Allen, of Maine; Colonel Payne, of New York, and Asher C. Elinds, of this city, a clerk of the House of Representatives.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in the First Parish Unitarian Church. The Rev. John Carroll Perkins, pastor of the church, will officiate.

It is expected by the friends of the family that Mr. Reed's widow and daughter will live in this city permanently.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The special train bearing the body of ex-Speaker Reed and the party accompanying it, arrived this morning, and was transferred to the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad, at Somerville. It left Somerville for Portland at 9:30 a. m.

Quietly and with as little show as the man had lived, the body of Thomas Brackett Reed was taken from the Arlington Hotel, where he died early Sunday morning, and conveyed to the Pennsylvania Railroad station yesterday afternoon for shipment home.

A special train was in waiting, consisting of a combination baggage and Pullman coach, the Brutus, in which the casket was placed; the Harvard, occupied by the funeral party, and a passenger coach for the trainmen. The special ran as second section of the Federal Express.

## ULTIMATUM SENT TO VENEZUELA

CHICAGO IN THRALL OF SEVERE COLD WAVE

Traffic Delayed—Suffering Among Poor.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Cold that brought death and suffering, and the promise of even more intense cold, arrived yesterday. The temperature was within 7 degrees of zero at 9 o'clock last night. Traffic on railroads was delayed, and many accidents to pedestrians and carriages occurred.

S. T. Gore, thirty-five years old, was killed by a Lake Shore locomotive while crossing the tracks at Ninety-fifth Street. He was so muffled to escape the cold that he failed to hear or see the engine.

Joseph Gaustek, fifty-nine years old, picked up coal along the Burlington tracks, was killed by a passenger train.

Harry Lee, sixty-five years old, homeless, begged lodging when almost helpless from cold. He was found dead in the cot with which he was provided by charity.

John Roberts, with muffer over his ears, did not hear an Illinois Central train when crossing the tracks, and was run down and instantly killed.

Henry J. Zeiler fell dead in a drug store. The cause was heart disease rendered acute by cold and exposure.

Besides these there were seven others injured in different ways, all attributable to the cold.

Prime Minister Balfour Announces in House of Commons Joint Action of Great Britain and Germany.

Measures to Enforce Payment to Be Taken if No Satisfactory Reply Is Received.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—In the house of commons today Prime Minister Balfour announced that an ultimatum had been sent to Venezuela in regard to the British and German claims. In the event of an unsatisfactory reply the German and British governments will take measures to enforce their claims.

Replying to a question by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in regard to Venezuelan affairs, Premier Balfour said for the past two years the British government had very grave cause for complaint, on various occasions of unjustifiable interference on the part of the Venezuelan government with the liberty and property of his majesty's subjects.

No effort has been spared to obtain an amicable settlement of the questions at issue. No satisfactory explanation has been forthcoming, however, and lately the representations of the British minister have been practically disregarded. There are also cases in which British subjects and companies have large claims against the government of Venezuela.

The British government has been acting in conjunction with the German government, which also has large claims against Venezuela. A final communication has now been made to that country by his majesty's minister and the German charge d'affaires to the effect that, if no satisfactory reply was received, the two governments have decided to take such measures as may be necessary to enforce payment of their demands.

## A. C. BARNEY, OF THIS CITY, DEAD IN FRANCE

Went Abroad With Miss Barney in Search of Health.

Cable dispatches received here Saturday evening announced the death of Albert C. Barney, of this city, on Friday last. Mr. Barney had been in the south of France for some months, where he went in search of health. Further than the mere announcement of his death no details are known here.

Miss Barney was with her father when he died.

What disposition will be made of the remains will not be known until further advice are received from his daughter.

The news of Mr. Barney's death has caused sorrow among his large circle of friends in this city. At the Metropolitan Club, of which he was a member, a card, having a mourning border, was posted this morning, announcing merely his death and the date of his election to the club. Mr. Barney was generally popular in the club, and had friends by the score, who admired him for his charming personality and genial disposition.

Mr. Barney was about fifty years of age. His home was in Dayton, Ohio, but for the past fourteen years he has lived in this city, his residence being 1625 Rhode Island Avenue. He was married and the father of two daughters, one of whom, Natalie, who was with him at the time of his death. Mrs. Barney and the ex-Speaker's daughter, Alice, who are in the city, were much shocked at the sad news.

Immediately after making Washington their permanent home, both Mr. and Mrs. Barney became prominent in the social life of the city. The families of both were possessed of great wealth, and Mr. Barney never entered any business since his residence in Washington.

Mr. Barney was conspicuous in club circles of this city, New York, and Cincinnati. Besides the Metropolitan, he was a member of the Alibi Club, of Washington; the Union and Knickerbocker Clubs of New York, and the Queen City Club, of Cincinnati.

In company with his eldest daughter, Mr. Barney went abroad last spring in hope of recovering his health. He visited the springs of Germany, and for a while it was thought that he was progressing nicely on account of the change.

Mrs. Barney has gained a reputation as a painter. She has devoted a great deal of time and attention to the study of art, having taken painting lessons from the masters of France. She is considered a genius.

## HELD TO AWAIT RESULT OF WOMAN'S INJURIES

William Lee, colored, is under arrest pending the condition of Mary Hutchison, colored, on whom he inflicted serious wounds Saturday night. The woman was cut in the abdomen and is under treatment at the Emergency Hospital.

The cutting occurred at the woman's home, 314 Census Court, and was, it is said, the result of jealousy. Lee was arraigned in the Police Court this morning and the case was continued.